MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UTILITY DIVISION AGENDA NO. 08-06-24

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For Work Week Commencing: June 23, 2008 Commission Meeting: June 24, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the latter part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at http://www.psc.mt.gov.

<u>Place of Meetings</u> All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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<u>9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling</u> (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

<u>9:30 a.m. Business</u> (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

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<u>Action Items</u> All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. AT&T N2008.5.58 (Scott)

On May 29, 2008, AT &T filed Tariff Transmittal 2008-07. This filing introduces ABN Loyalty Pricing as well as grandfathers ABN LD rating methodology and rate schedules. AT&T requests an effective Date of July 1, 2008. Probable Motion: Approve AT&T's Tariff Transmittal 2008-07 in Docket N2008.5.58.

<u>Work Sessions</u> All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

- Commission complaint Complaint against Basic Access Communications, Inc. – Consider issuing formal complaint against Basic Access. (6/24/08)
- D2008.3.30 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) Conservation Tracking Adjustment (CTA) for period ending February 29, 2008 – Act on MDU's requested reduction to CTA rate in the Natural Gas Conservation Programs. (6/24/08)
- D2008.3.27 Energy West Incorporated and Cut Bank Gas Company Joint Application for Approval of the Acquisition of Cut Bank Gas by Energy West – Discuss and act on Energy West's motion for a protective order. (6/24/08)
- D2007.7.82 NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Discuss and act on NWE's motion for a protective order. (6/24/08)
- 5. D2008.6.59 NorthWestern Energy Resume residential exchange program rate credit Discuss/act on NWE's filing. (6/24/08)
- D2008.5.45 NorthWestern Energy 2008 Annual Electric Tracker Discuss NWE's request for interim relief. (6/24/08)
- 7. NARUC Amicus Brief Discuss OMS joining NARUC's Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court supporting the CT DPUC's appeal regarding jurisdiction over resource adequacy. (6/24/08)

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8. 2008 Governor's Award for Excellence – Discuss and approve award nominee. (6/24/08)

9. State fiscal year 2009 travel allocation; staff out of state travel – Discuss the proposed travel budget to be allocated between Commissioners and staff and discuss staff out of state travel requests. (6/24/08)

Other Meetings

6/24/08 1:30 p.m. – Informational meeting regarding perspectives on and expectations for natural gas prices presented by NorthWestern Energy, Montana Dakota-Utilities Co. and Energy West (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Communications Corporation N2008.6.60 (Scott)

On June 13, 2008, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed Tariff Transmittal QCC08-04. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Switched Digital Service. This product provides the ability to manage voice and data in 64 Kbps. This filing also introduces a Competitive Discount Program to gain new business customers who sign a term agreement with Qwest, or retain customers who are nearing the end of their current Qwest term agreement.

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<u>Protective Orders – Notice Items</u> The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

<u>Protective Orders – Information Items</u> The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2008.6.60 – Qwest Communications Corporation – Tariff Transmittal QCC08-04, Revisions to Tariff No. 1

D2008.6.61 – Energy West Montana – Application to Make Interim Adjustments Final and to Reconcile the Gas Cost Tracking Mechanism for the Period April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008